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Forwarded herewith for your information and retention
are two reports received from the BfV supplementing the one
sent you in reference.

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- A. Suppl rpt No. 2
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Subject: Second Supplement to the Report on "Hiag"

1. Personnel

The following persons were elected at the 2nd Regular General Meeting (Hauptversammlung) of the Hiag Bund Liaison Office in Kassel on 7 and 8 November 1953:

KEMPBEL (1), Bremen, Deputy Bund Speaker,
BURDAK (2), Berlin, Secretary
SCHAUFLER (3), Stuttgart, responsible for press affairs; alternate,
if rejected, is WEIBEL (3a), Korbach,
AKVE (4), Hannover, responsible for search service,
Dr. WESER (5), responsible for legal affairs,
Dr. Guenther REINECKE, Munich, has not yet accepted the appointment
to the position of legal advisor.

In addition, GOENKE, Bremen, was appointed case officer for
prisoners-of-war still detained in the East.

2. Statutes

The draft of the statutes was discussed at the same meeting. A committee, appointed previously, submitted numerous suggestions for amendments, the most important ones being:

- (1) cultivation of the desire for military preparedness should be dropped;
- (2) individual membership in the Bund Liaison Office should be discontinued;
- (3) only Land associations or independent Kreis or local associations should be allowed to become members of the Bund Liaison Office;
- (4) the rights of the Presidium should be amended to the effect that a decision can be retracted only by the majority of those members of the Presidium who are present at the respective meeting;
- (5) the right to vote in the Bund Meeting (Bundversammlung) should be so amended that each Land Speaker has one vote for every 200 members, or a fraction of that number, out at least five votes. The required number should be determined on the basis of the list of contributions;
- (6) individual Hiag members should be admitted to the Board of Chairmen for special assignments and for a limited period of time, if the respective local Land association has no objections;
- (7) president of the Board of Chairmen should be the "Bundesgeschaeftsfuehrer" (Fed. Managing Director);
- (8) the Presidium should be elected by the Board of Chairmen. The Presidium should assist the Board of Chairmen with its advice. Public statements of basic importance should require previous agreement with the Board of Chairmen;
- (9) instead of Land associations, not yet officially registered, seven Land Speakers should be admitted to the Bund Liaison Office as

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individual members until this problem is definitely solved. These amendments were unequivocally accepted by the Land Speakers. According to RICHARD, there are now 13 Land associations embracing 241 local Hlags.

Land Association Hesse has been divided into Land Association North Hesse (KURTZ) (6) and South Hesse (GENTSCH) (7).

Land Association Bavaria has also been divided into Land Association North Bavaria (DENNE) (8) and South Bavaria (RUOFF) (9).

The official title bestowed upon RICHARD is "Bundessprecher" (Bund Speaker).

It was decided to adopt regulations concerning amicable arrangement and arbitration. Occasional problems should be solved on local level. If this is not possible, the Land Association will give judgment. It will be the duty of the Bund Liaison Office to give expert opinions in matters of basic importance.

3. Internal discussions on political aims

- a. An internal meeting took place in Freunde-Weig, restaurant Prinzenpark, on 30 October and 1 November 1953. The participants, who numbered approximately forty, were specially selected by the Land Speakers in concordance with RICHARD, and invitations were extended only orally. It was forbidden to make notes in writing. (List of participants, Annex 1). The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint a large group of reliable young members with the political missions of the functionaries of the Bund Liaison Office. To that end, a memorandum was read which had been composed by STEINER. It said that although the Hlags were free from party policies and wished to remain so, nobody should blame them, if they, like other communities of interest, trade unions, employers' associations etc., should enter upon political activities, sending persons to the platform who were capable of standing up for the economic and ethical demands of the Hlag, and to make them heard, if only in legislature.

In the course of the discussion, it was discussed to get together with political parties in order to place an adequate number of trusted Hlag members on the lists of nominees; in return Hlag would promise its vote.

The rest of the discussion did not have the success desired by the initiators. Many participants protested against tainting Hlag activities with politics. It was criticized that the management on federal level often engaged in activities which were none of their business, and without being authorized by the members. The argument that the existence of the organization was jeopardized, and that many members would resign, induced DENNE to admit frankly that the initiators of this meeting were of the same opinion, and that, therefore, they wished to acquaint the audience with the outlined ideas so that they could use their influence over lower echelons.

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No resolution was adopted, since it was not possible to deflect the audience.

- b. Before the Second Regular Bund Meeting was opened on 7 and 8 November 1953 in Hotel "Neue Drusel" in Kassel, HAUSSEER invited the Management Board of the Bund Liaison Office, the Land Speakers and STEINER to an internal conversation which lasted 1½ hours.

HAUSSEER read a memorandum concerning the matter of the Bund Liaison Office, which contained the following points:

- (1) the connection between Land associations must continue to be merely a loose one;
- (2) a solid organization is not desirable;
- (3) three men must be appointed to form a Coordination Committee, whose speaker is the Managing Director;
- (4) it is risky to establish the Bund Liaison Office as a registered association;
- (5) the presidium should be replaced by a Council of Elders which has only advisory capacity but no authority;
- (6) strictly reserved attitude in public;
- (7) cooperation with "VdS", with the final object of a fusion.

The discussion following the reading was very agitated. No compromise was reached to unite the diverging opinions. STEINER, especially, protested most harshly against HAUSSEER's proposals.

HAUSSEER's motion was not placed on the agenda when organization and statutes were discussed. HAUSSEER declared that he felt he could no longer help carrying the responsibility for the development of the Bund Association of the Hing. He left the meeting.

RICHARD stated in the course of the meeting, that all efforts which were going to be made would have bearing on the Death Head associations as well as on the reserve troops.

4. Internal events

RICHARD announced at the Second Regular Bund Meeting that he and STEINER would soon visit eight German major firms and ask them for financial help for returned POWs.

Invited before an Investigating Committee of the Regular Meeting, GILLER retracted his accusations against RICHARD concerning the latter's alleged relations in the East with FRANK-CHIEKSON, and expressed his regret. Both parties agreed that this apology should not be made in front of the entire audience. At the meeting it was merely announced that all accusations in this respect had proven to be unfounded.

Several Working Committees were appointed to deal with the considerable amount of work, and each Land association sent a delegate to each of them. The following committees were established:

- A. Committee for Organization and Statutes (Main Committee), Chairman HANDEL, Northrhine-Westphalia;

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deliberation on the provisional statutes of the Hlag Bund Liaison Office;

proposals for amendments, and submittal of the final statutes to the Regular Bund Meeting;

Hlag membership cards, and receipt stamps for membership dues; Hlag badges;

definition and organization of Hlag Land associations;

establishment of Hlag Aid Funds;

Hlag Information Bulletin;

time-table for speakers;

burial insurance;

preparations for a meeting in 1954 of the Hlag Search Service;

transfers of members;

regulations concerning the selection of Hlag Speakers; re-elections;

regulations on individual membership in Hlag Bund Liaison Office.

B. Legal Committee (Chairman Lawyer WESEK, Hamburg);

the following problems were assigned to this committee;

legal situation of prisoners and of persons sentenced in consequence of war events, outside of Germany;

legal situation in regard to pensions after the issuance of the 1st Supplement to the Law, in accordance with article 131 of the Basic Law;

civic rights of the former European and Ethnic German volunteers, and possibilities for granting them German citizenship;

legal situation in view of the Muerenberg sentences;

examination of the possibility of a complaint instituted on the basis of the Constitution, or, respectively, an action for obtaining a declaratory judgment concerning the civic equality of ex-soldiers of the former Waffen-SS.

C. Committee for persons sentenced in consequence of war events, for prisoners-of-war, and for welfare activities (Chairman Dietrich ZIMMSEN, Brackenheim)

support of persons sentenced in consequence of war events, and of their families (West);

support of POWs and of their families (East), (packages);

procurement of work;

procurement of housing;

possibilities for settlement;

aid for returnees, recuperation, medical help, financial Hlag assistance;

project of sending children to rural places in 1954.

D. Press Committee (Chairman SCHULTZ)

preparation of a contract between Hlag Bund Liaison Office and Wiking-Ruf;

intensification of observation and evaluation of the press;

Hlag Information Bulletin;

Hlag Search Service.

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E. Committee for Search Service (Chairman ROLLEL, Lower Saxony)

questioning of returned POWs;
procurement of names of POWs still detained in the USSR;
reorganization of the search for missing persons; cooperation
with the Red Cross;
checking of the list of army post office numbers;
search for the list of identification tags;
search for graves, and caretaking; cooperation with the
Volksbund;
warmin; list.

F. Court of Honor (Chairman KEMPEL, Bremen);

appointment of the Hing Court of Honor;
working out of a Hing Code of Honor.

Accusation of corruption raised against GILLE
situation of "Wiking-Ruf"

a. History

Upon GILLE's suggestion, a circular letter was sent out at the beginning of 1952, which bore already the name "Wiking-Ruf" because it was mainly meant for former members of the SS-Division "Wiking" of which GILLE had at one time been the chief. Afterwards, a wealthy former SS-member by the name of BLEIBAUM, Hameln, financed an information bulletin of the same name which was combined with a book sale. Then BLEIBAUM did the bookselling for his own account, since it appeared to be profitable. Upon GILLE's suggestion, BLEIBAUM received his share, and a company was set up consisting of GILLE and the editors KAMIS and SPEHAUS who had in the meantime joined the paper as full-time staff members. It has already been reported that GILLE held 51%, while the other two held 49% between them.

Then BLEIBAUM was paid, GILLE retained 700 DM on the grounds that BLEIBAUM owed him that sum. BLEIBAUM sued him, and GILLE was ordered to pay the money.

b. Since April 1952

After the company had been established, the paper soured and made profits to the displeasure of the Hing members, because the profits were not spent on social needs. However, the financial situation remained in the dark because GILLE refused to render an account for the time prior to the establishment of the company. As has been reported before, the Land Speakers decided on 20 September 1953 to look into the business dealings of "Wiking-Ruf", and commissioned former chief of the SS-School for Administrative Leaders THOELE (10) to do so.

c. GILLE's drawings

Shortly afterwards GILLE bought an Opel-Olympia car for 4,000 DM; he borrowed 3,000 DM from a bank, and took 1,500 DM out of the money drawer of the "Wiking-Ruf", without informing his partner.

THOELE (10) found out that prior to the establishment of the company GILLE had taken from "Wiking-Ruf" at least 5,000 DM, but

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probably about 8,000 DM.

d. KANIS' drawings

KANIS took 800 DM from the money drawer in order to travel, in the company of RICHARD, to Bamberg and Bonn to attend Search Service meetings. When GILLE reproached him for it, he turned to FRICKE (11), who in turn sent him on to Graf von WESTARP. Von WESTARP, together with FRICKE and KANIS, saw a certain DIEHLS (12) in Hannover, who immediately declared to be willing to grant a loan of 800 DM.

e. Conversion

In view of GILLE's behavior and of the annoyance of the Land Speakers, KANIS and SEENHAUS told the Bund Liaison Office that they would hand over their shares to the organization as such, and that they suggested to turn the publishing house into a non-profit company. GILLE refused to agree to this proposal.

f. Liquidation

The Press Committee, which met on 8 November 1953, presided over by R. SCHUETZ, chief of the Plessee Publishing House in Goettingen, recommended to the Regular Bund Meeting on federal level to liquidate the Ring Publishing House as of 30 November or 31 December 1953. GILLE, KANIS and SEENHAUS promised to transfer the name "Wiking-Ruf", without charge, to the Bund Liaison Office. GILLE was supposed to receive 300 DM per month for two years; KANIS and SEENHAUS were to be employed against a gross salary of 475 DM. The Bund Liaison Office promised not to open a book service as a competition for GILLE, and granted him space for advertisements in "Wiking-Ruf". The Regular Bund Meeting decided that the final decisions concerning the transfer of the periodical will be made by a committee.

5. Finances

The Regular Bund Meeting decided to pay 10 Pfennig per month per member to the Bund Liaison Office. RICHARD stated that the Bund Liaison Office has received only RM 510 so far from the Land associations.

Votes concerning the problems of burial and accident insurances will be collected in writing after the situation has been clarified.

6. Connections

At the Second Regular Bund Meeting, all Land associations complained about lack of cooperation with "VdS/BVW". They strictly refuse corporative fusion. RICHARD recommended to combine "BVS" with "Arbeitsgemeinschaft soldatischer Verbände" (Working Community of Associations of Soldiers).

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Annex 1

Well-known participants in the meeting in
Braunschweig on 30 Oct 1953

STEINER, Felix
HAUSER
RICHARD, H.J.
DENNE, H.
ZIEMSEN
WEIDINGER, O.

SS-General
SS-General
Bund Liaison Office Berlin
Hieg Bavaria
Hieg Bavaria
Second Land Speaker Wuerttemberg-Baden;
born 27 May 1914 in Wuernburg; resides in
Aalen/Wuertt., Amselweg 6;
SS-Obersturmbannfuhrer (9 Nov 44),
No. 114 921 3435930. Being a prominent re-
presentative of the SS, W. was invited to
Marburg to attend the working meeting of
Hieg Land Speakers on 1 and 2 August 1953.
Commissioned by Hieg to take care of SS-POWs
and convicted SS members in France (except
Lille)

SOCHER, H.

Hieg Baden-Wuerttemberg; born 18 October
1923 in Stuttgart; resides Stuttgart-
Feilingendorf, Im Stuhlhub 42;
chief of the local Hieg group in Stuttgart;
Untersturmfuhrer (21 June 1944), 490424;
Hieg Heese

presumably:
WESSEL, Juergen

born 19 July 1920 in Tessin/Mecklenburg;
resides Detmold, Schanze 68 (5 ?);
Obersturmfuhrer 20 Apr 44;
chief of the local Hieg group in Detmold;

KNIEST, H.
KUHN, Bert
PUMKEN, Walter

Hieg Heese
Hieg Northrhine-Westphalia (Oberhausen)
Hieg Lower Saxony; born 8 Oct 20 in Essen;
resides Hannover, Karmarschstr. 25; Ober-
sturmfuhrer 21 June 1943; chief of the
local Hieg group in Hannover;
Hieg Lower Saxony (Wiking-Ruf);

SEEHAUS,
ZAKKAS, Waldemar
presumably

Hieg Lower Saxony
born 21 Jan 13 (place of birth unknown),
Untersturmfuhrer 1 Jun 44 - 236517 491417;
Hieg Lower Saxony (Braunschweig);

KAHNITZKI
Dr. BOEHME
HAKKE, Heinz

Hieg Baden-Wuerttemberg, Standurtenfuhrer;
newly elected Land Speaker of Northrhine-
Westphalia, Major General;

P-LUEGER, Werner

Hieg Northrhine-Westphalia;
resides in Gelsenkirchen, Schultestr. 26;
commissioned by Hieg Land Association North-
rhine-Westphalia to take care of SS-convicts
in Werl;

P-LUEGER was elected Deputy Land Speaker at
the Main Meeting of the Land Association;

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HUCK, Heinz

SCHNEIDER, Wolfram

van VRIES, Jost
WOLFF, GHubert

Hilag Bavaria; special commissioner for Landsberg; resides in Bayreuth, Laxstr. 18; commissioned by Hilag to take care of SS-convicts in Loos-de Lille;
Hilag Berlin; born 12 November 1912 in Plauen/Vogtland; resides in Berlin-Dahlem, Spinozstr. 10; special commissioner for the Allied prison in Spandau; welfare "Referent", and Second Chairman of the enlarged Board of Chairmen of the Hilag Berlin; commissioned to take care of the SS-returnees in the Berlin office where they are supposed to report;
Sturmabfuhrer 21 Jun 44 - 23593 819945; Rotterdam
LUETTICH (Liege)

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Annex 2

Well-known participants in the Second Regular
Bund Meeting in Kassel on 7/8 Nov 1953

HAUSSER

STEINER

GILLE

ULLAICH, Karl

born 1 December 1910 in Saargemuend,
resides in Offenbach,
Standartenfuehrer 29 July 1944,
31438 715727

SCHWETZ (13)

Dr. WESER (5)

ARVE (4)

MUEHLENKAMP

RICHARD

SEEHAUS

KANIS

THOELE (10)

and all other Land Speakers with four persons accompanying each
of them; total approximately 100 persons.

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List of the persons appearing in the text
marked with figures after their names

- (1) KEMPER, Ernst Bremen-Blumenthal, Ronnebeckerstr. 3;
born 14 Jan 1902 in Hagen/Westphalia;
- (2) BURDACK, Guenter Berlin SW 29; Graefestr. 11,
c/o Hausmann;
born 16 Jan 1926 in Berlin-Reukoenig;
- (3) SCHAUFER Stuttgart;
- (3a) WEIBEL Korbach, Flechtdorferstr. 1;
commercial agent;
chief of local Hia group in Korbach;
- (4) AhVE, Walter Hannover, Karlkrutstr. 10; he is willing
to take over the search service within Hia
as far as his former Division is concerned;
- (5) Dr. WESER, Arno born 2 May 1898 in Grossdobritz;
Obersturmfuehrer 30 Jan 44 - 426683
5329723;
- (6) KURTZ Kassel, Bautzerstr. 12;
Land Speaker North Hesse;
- (7) GENTSCH, Heinz Lawyer; born 17 Aug 08 in Frankfurt/M;
resides in Frankfurt/M., Varrentrappstr. 67;
former Hauptsturmfuehrer SS 930 Jan 42);
temporary Land Speaker for South Hesse;
- (8) LEHNE, Willi Nuernberg, Voltstr. 89;
- (9) HUGO, F., Joachim Munich, Hildegardstr. 22/II,
now Tuerkenstr. 98;
born 1 March 1911 in Aachen;
- (10) THOMLE, Hellmuth born 7 April 1911 in Osnabrueck;
Sturmabfuhrer 20 Apr 42 - 39173 919935;
resides in Osnabrueck, Heinrichstr. 79;
chief of the local Hia group in Osnabrueck,
and Land Speaker for Lower Saxony West;
- (11) FRICKE, Bruno Hannover, Fiedelerstr. 25;
- (12) LIEB, Dr. Rudolf Hof Twonge near Kalltenweide near Langenhagen;
born 16 December 1900 in Berghausen/Lahn;
1930: Regierungsrat in the Prussian Ministry
of the Interior;
1933; according to his own statement, chief
of the Prussian Secret State Police; creator
of the Gestapo;
1934; Regierungspraesident in Cologne;
1942: member of the Board of Directors of
the Reichswerke Hermann Goering;

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March 1932: sponsor of the SA;
15 Sep 33: SS-Obersturmbannfuhrer;
1 Mar 42: SS-Oberfuhrer (SS-Hauptamt);
1 May 37: member of the NSDAP;
possesses the SS-Sword of Honor and of the
SS-Yule Candlestick. Member of "Lebensborn".

(13) SCHUETZ, Waldemar

Göttingen, Rix-Kleinstr. 4;
born 9 October 1913 in Dasenau;
Hauptsturmfuhrer 20 Apr 47-- 72395
3186496;
owner of the Plesse Publishing House.

Supplement

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Correction of the personal data of STEINER mentioned in the First
Supplement to the Report on Ring:

1936 - 1940 Standartenfuhrer of Standarte "Deutschland";
November 1940 Major General of the Waffen-SS; establishment of the
5th SS-Armored Rifleman Division "Wiking";
January 1941 Lieutenant General of the Waffen-SS;
1942 Commanding General III S-Armored Corps;
1945 February, Supreme Commander of the 11th (not the II) Army along
the Oder River;
1945 April, Supreme Commander of the Army Group STEINER in Mecklenburg;
1945-1948 imprisoned and interned;
1948 April, denazified, "lesser offender".

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Subject: Third Supplementary Report Hieg (as of 30 April 1954)

Executive Committee

Dr. Wolk, the "Commissioner for Legal Affairs" in the Bundesverbindungsstelle (BVS) mentioned in the 2nd Supplementary Report, is identical with the Lawyer and Notary Dr. Ralf WEHSE (1).

Dissatisfaction among the members of the Executive Committee and among the membership about the fact that the press is paying little attention to the Hieg, has induced the leading functionaries to appoint a "Commissioner for Press Affairs" to the Bund Executive Committee. He is supposed to edit the official Hieg press items, to evaluate press articles, and to issue information bulletins on for local and "Landes-sprecher". This plan has not been carried out for lack of a suitable person. If the plan should be successful, BVS will become the central point of influence for the various independent information bulletins and "Kameradenbriefe" of local Hiegs; such central point is non-existent at present.

Membership

The total number of Hieg members can hardly be higher than approximately 20,000, although according to propagandistic statements made by functionaries there are supposed to be 40,000.

The following approximate figures have become known for some of the Land associations:

Bavaria	1,600
Baden-Wuerttemberg	2,000
Northrhine-Westphalia	2,500
Bremen	170
Schleswig-Holstein	670
Berlin	200

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Organization

The distribution list mentioned in circular letters of the BVS (for instance in one dated 28 November 1953) named 240 local Hieg-Committees (Kreis and local associations) and 14 Land associations. In regard to the first figure it must be considered that some local associations are organized so as to form Kreis associations. Apparently they include local Hiegs which are in the process of being established. Some 200 local Hiegs are in a workable state.

Full-time members of the BVS are four gentlemen, in addition to RICHARD, BUECKACK (2), FRIEDRICH (3), FLECKHART (4), Kurt KILB (5), and four female clerks.

Propagandistic statements

RICHARD (6), while talking to Graf WELFAH (on 20 December 1953 in Hannover), stressed once more that it is necessary to give the Hieg members a "national political education" and to provide them with "political guides". He announced that a special information bulletin for "suitable sub-leaders" will be issued which will be devoted to this educational purpose. It will be printed in 500-600 copies; a start has not yet been made.

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Internal meetings

The Bund Congress planned for Whitoun 1954 is not going to take place, nor the Bund Meeting planned for Spring 1954. The reason stated in both cases is that the BVS is overloaded with "work concerned with the restoration of our equal rights". In August 1954 the BVS will be newly elected according to the stipulations of the statutes.

The BVS will delegate speakers for the scheduled monthly meetings of local and Kreis Communities; these speakers will be trained in May and June 1954 in three BVS courses.

Publications

"Wiking-Ruf" is a "Kommanditgesellschaft" (Limited Partnership). The partners are SCHUETZ, RICHARD, Dr. WFBELM; general partner is STADEL (7); managing director is SCHUETZ. The partners have signed a declaration stating that they have no rights in "Wiking-Ruf".

The address of the editors of "Wiking-Ruf" is: Hameln, Muehlenstr. 10 A. Editor-in-chief is KANIS, his deputy is GERHAUS; there is the assistant Frau HO. FRANK (8), a secretary, and an errand-boy.

Finances

According to a decision of the BVS in Kassel on 7/8 November 1953 each member will pay a monthly contribution of DM 1.- to the local Hlag. The latter pays DM 0.20 per month per member to the Land association; the latter, in turn, pays DM 0.10 per month per member to the BVS. The BVS complains about meager receipts of contributions from Land associations (between DM 160.- and DM 200.- per month at present).

BUNACK (Berlin) stated that a "group of sponsors" has been found which will pay regular contributions to BVS. It has not yet been possible to ascertain any names.

Connections

In a letter dated 2 February 1954 addressed to BAUKANN (9), who is in charge of the liaison for the Wallonian and French ex-SS-members, RICHARD demanded that there should be no organizational contact with associations of former SS-members in foreign countries, because the impression thus created of an international merger of SS-communities would not but constitute a political danger to Hlag interests. This is in contradiction to RICHARD's formerly voiced standpoint that international Hlag connections should be promoted. Perhaps it is his intention to establish such connections himself.

Jean MARLISSE (10), who is in charge of the French section consisting of ex-members of the SS-Division "Charlemagne" is a follower of Maurice BARDEGET. It is said that he is an adventurer, who is still under the influence of Nazi ideas and of the thought of revenge.

Since May 1953 a local interest in establishing youth organizations has been observed. For instance, the group "Deutsche Zugvogel" (German Birds of Passage) consists of 60 boys and girls. This group is chiefly engaged in hiking, open-air games, and ancient dances. No political lectures have as yet been held; it has been announced, however, that such lectures are going to be held soon.

BVS has requested all local and Kreis communities and all Land associations to keep in touch on a basis of comradeship, to cooperate closely,

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and to organize meetings together with the "Bund ehemaliger deutscher Fallschirmjäger" (League of former German Parachutists).

No union is intended with VdS (League of German Soldiers) neither on Land level nor locally. Friendly relations are desirable. This statement, which was made by RICHARD at the meeting of the Land association Schleswig-Holstein (in Kiel on 28 November 1953) is in contradiction to the statement made by DEBS (11) (Cologne) who announced his intention to combine Hing Cologne with VdS.

At the Land meeting of delegates in Hamburg (2 December 1954) RICHARD rejected an approach to radical groups (DnF and similar groups), but advocated cooperation with the right FDP wing under Martin EULKE.

Evaluation

The group of young functionaries around Bundesaprecher RICHARD has succeeded in eliminating most of the influence exercised over the organization by the older generals STAHN and GILL. The management is almost completely in the hands of RICHARD who is supported by a number of Landesaprecher appointed by him.

Time and again RICHARD and his friends leave the moderate line of HENJENSEN who is opposed to the centralization of the organization and against the political activities of the Hing.

- (a) The plans described above concerning training material and training courses are characteristic for the progress of the centralization of the organization, and for the influence reaching from top to bottom which is connected with it. This tendency is also marked by the improvement of the organization of Land associations whose staffs of functionaries have in the course of this month been modeled after the setup of the Bund Executive Committee.
- (b) RICHARD thinks that it is necessary to go in for politics, by which he means:
 - (1) exerting influence over the legislature of the Federal Republic in favor of the ex-members of the Waffen-SS;
 - (2) publication of the opinions of ex-members of the Waffen-SS in regard to military problems in connection with the planned remilitarization;
 - (3) publication of Hing's opinion in regard to general political problems.

The ostensible attitude of prominent Hing functionaries toward the democratic constitution is at present pronouncedly loyal but cool. Internally, rejection is often clearly apparent, and is sharply voiced in lower echelons of functionaries.

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List of names mentioned in the report

(1) WENZER, Dr. Ralf

The information given in the 2nd Supplementary Report as to the personal data of WENZER (5) should be replaced by the following data:

Commissioner for Legal Affairs with the Hieg Bundesverbindungsamt; partner of "Wiking-Ruf" Kommanditgesellschaft.

born 15 April 1905 in Halle/Saale;
occupation: lawyer and notary;
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Colonnaden 47;

joined NSDAP 1 April 1933; member no. 1777253;
SS-number 221244. General SS since 1 October
1933; rank in General SS "Sturmabfuhrer
(30 Jan 44); Waffen-SS since 15 Apr 1940;
Waffen-SS; rank "Sturmabfuhrer Reserve"
(30 Jan 44); Waffen-SS units: SS-Totenkopf-
verband - Donathaus (15 Apr 40 - 1 Jun 40);
Main Office SS-Court (1 Jun 40 - 20 Apr 42);
Staff Section Waffen-SS in the Personal Staff
of the Reichsfuhrer SS (20 Apr 42); taken
over by the Honorary Service SS in Staff
Section Halle on 19 Nov 37. Holder of the
SS-Totenkopfring. Member of Cavalry SA in
1933. Deceased 1951 (Category V).

(2) BURLACK, Quenter,
Karl Fritz

born 16 Jan 1926 in Berlin-Haukewitz;
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str. 11 o/o Hausmann; occupations: toolmaker.

(3) SCHNEIDER, Solfran

born 12 Nov 1912 in Plauzen/Vogtland;
address: Berlin-Dahlem, Spinostr. 10;
SS-Sturmabfuhrer 21 Jun 1944; SS-number
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(4) FFLUGRADT, Horst

born 12 December 1919 in Berlin-Lankwitz;
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druggist; NSDAP member No. 6940 380 since
1 Sep 1938; SS-No. 346 049; General SS since
1 Apr 38; rank in General SS: SS-Mann;
unit of General SS: Staff IX/75; Waffen-SS
since 31 Oct 39; rank: Hauptsturmfuhrer
(1 Jun 44); Waffen-SS units: SS-Vorfuhrer;
truppe Standarte "Der Fuhrer" (31 Oct 39);
II/SS B.K. 9 Mot.; SS-Mountain Division
"Prinz Eugen" (1 Jun 42); 13 SS-Div (1 Apr
43); SS-Leader School of the Economic Ad-
ministrative Service, 1st Training Company
Arolsen (1944).
Member of the Stahlhelm Youth League "Scharn-
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NJ member 1 Sep 33 - 31 Mar 38 (Scharfuhrer)

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- (5) K. ILBERT, Kurt
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- (6) RICHARD, Hans-Joachim
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occupation: salesman; single;
NSDAP, 1 Sep 39, member no. 7089130.
SS-No. 432 144 (V); Waffen-SS since 30 Mar
1940; Waffen-SS rank: Obersturmführer
(21 Jan 44); Waffen-SS units: SS-Junker
Training School Tels 4 Jun 42 - 5 Sep 42;
SS-Art. Regt 1 Sep 42 - 1 Feb 43; Art. Regt.
9 SS Panzer-Grenadier-Div. 1 Feb 43; in
1943 tried for having dismissed subordinates;
sentenced: slight reprimand;
NJ member since 13 Mar 1933; occupation:
NJ-Bannführer (in Reichsjugendführung).
- (7) STADEL, Hubert
born 20 Feb 1922 in Quadlinburg; SS-Untor-
sturmführer (10 Mar 43); SS-No. 362 284.
- (8) HOFFMANN, Frau Brunhild
née Kirchhain; born 10 Aug 21 in Bernburg/
Saxony; address: Hennonberg near Hannover,
Hindenburgstr. 22;
occupations: office clerk; employed in the
office of the editor of "Viking-Ruf";
wife of the Hing chief of District Lower-
Saxony-Vost;
- (9) BAUMANN, Joan M.
born 17 Dec 1906 in Obersorn/Luxemburg;
address: Alzold/Losio, Hainstr. 23
(Loinstr. 30); occupation: Obersteiger
(miner, headman).
- (10) DEIMLINGER, Joan
born 8 Sep 24 in Amion/Berno; address:
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- (11) LEBER, Lothar
born 21 June 1890 in Eichstätt/Bavaria;
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NSDAP No. 240 110; SS-No. 278 953; Gruppen-
führer and Lt General of Waffen-SS (30 Jan
1944).

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